

MINUTES
OHIO COMMUNITY GRADE SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT #17

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The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ohio Grade School District #17 was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 District Office.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call

Grade School Board members present: Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Piper, Walker

Grade School Board members not present: Reuter, Hull

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Board Recording Secretary present: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan, Callie Buettner and Taylor Fritts

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Walker, second by Piper, to approve the agenda as presented.
The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2026 Regular Meeting.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports

2.3 Approval of Payment of July Bills which were (\$44,620.84)
prepared 08/11/2026, at 2:49 PM. additional July bills (\$44,352.00)
prepared on 7/23/26 at 9:54 AM, additional July bills (\$2,096.00) prepared
on 8/18/26 at 12:27 PM and Payroll (\$105,997.82).

Motion made by Gonigam, seconded by Walker to approve consent items in packet as presented.

Roll call; Yes; Gonigam, Albrecht, Piper, Walker, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

3.1 Tonight, we would like to take a moment to welcome and introduce two new members of our teaching staff for the 2026–2027 school year. First, we would like to welcome Taylor Fritts, who will be joining us as our 4th Grade Teacher. We would also like to welcome Calli Buettner, who will be joining our district as a Special Education Teacher. We are very excited to have both Taylor and Calli joining our school family and look forward to the knowledge, enthusiasm, and dedication they will bring to our students and our district. We are happy to have them with us.

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL REPORT

- 5.1 Back to School Update- Back to School Night was held, August 10th from 5:00-6:00. We had a great turn out and are excited to welcome back all of our students and staff. Mr. Wilt thanked Midland Bank for supplying food and drink for this event.
- 5.2 Sports Update: Girl's Volleyball- 5 girls participating. Their first game is tonight.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: K-8: 78 High School: 20 Total = 98 As of right now we have 5 Preschoolers enrolled.
- 6.2 Building Project Update: E & H Restoration LLC wrapped up the masonry work on the front of the building on August 10, 2026. This concludes our summer projects
- 6.3 School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG): The SMPG is a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program that will provide awards up to \$50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. The SMPG application opens on September 28, 2026 and is due January 29, 2027. Mrs. Donnelly will reach out to the Building Committee to schedule a meeting to discuss potential projects.
- 6.4 Co-Curricular and Bus Drivers: Superintendent Donnelly and Ms. Maynard have been conducting interviews. We have two new candidates that we will be recommending for employment. Jackie Stewart who is willing to work towards getting her CDL and Lori Kennedy who is willing to work towards getting her 1st Division license.
- 6.5 FY27 Tentative Budget: Mrs. Donnelly did a summary to the Board for the FY27 Tentative Budget. Robert Albrecht asked how many Bond payments we have left and Superintendent Donnelly believes there are two or three.
- 6.6 Mrs. Becker handed out Board Election Timeline paperwork for Board members that are up for re-election. The Elections will be on Tuesday, April 6, 2027.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

There was no need to go into the Closed Session.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Albrecht to approve Tentative FY27 Budget for display. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Piper, seconded by Walker to approve approve Budget Hearing – Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM; immediately followed by the Hearing for the Resolution Authorizing a Permanent Interfund Transfer for Debt Service, and then immediately followed by the Regular Board Meeting.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Gonigam to approve Qualified Evaluators. (Donnelly, Wilt)
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Walker, seconded by Piper to approve Co-curricular and Bus Driver Contracts with Jackie Stewart and Lori Kennedy.
Roll call; Yes; Albrecht, Piper, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam
Nay: none. Motion Carried.

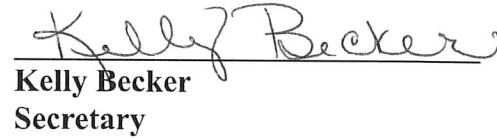
- 8.5 Motion by Walker, seconded by ^{Piper} ~~Beka~~ to approve the second and final reading of Policy Manual Updates for June 2026 #122.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Gonigam to adjourn this meeting at 6:25 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The Budget Hearing for FY27 will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM, followed immediately by the Hearing for Authorizing Permanent Interfund Transfers for Debt Service. The regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will convene immediately following those hearings.



Rachael Fitzpatrick
President



Kelly Becker
Secretary